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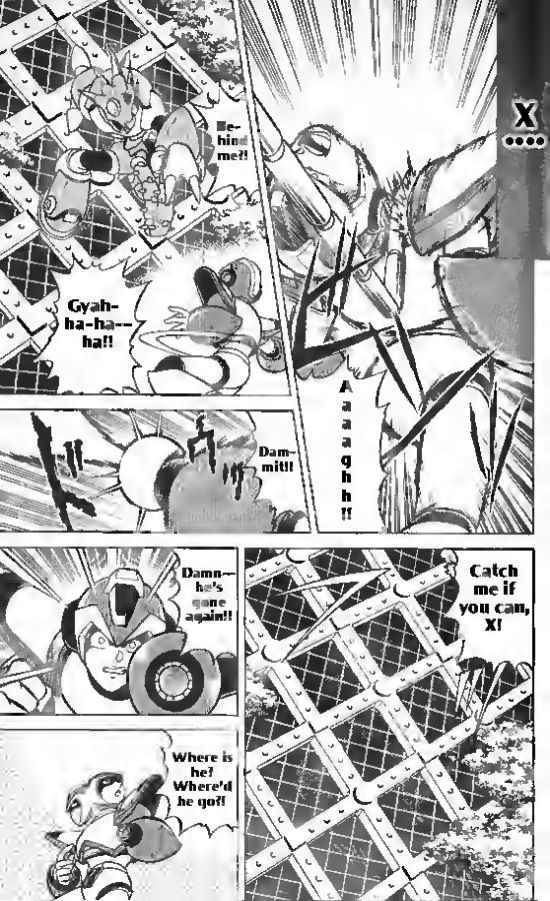
You're running out of time.....
.....
!
Dusk already .....


X
••••
Be-
hind
me!!
Gyah-
ha-ha--
ha!!
Aaaaaghh
!!
Dam-
mit!!
Damn--
he's
gone
again!!
Where is
he?
Where'd
he go!!
Catch
me if
you can,
X!

Where the hell are you, Chameleon?!?!
Ungh!!
Bye-bye!!
Damn you! You coward!!

The ability to change the color of one's body to match their environment allows for a brilliant useful ability! And, it helps surprise attack!
You're calling *me* a coward??
What you call cowardice.... I call *strategy*!!
WHY ?!
If you had this ability all along....
Ugh ....
Why ....

Why did you use those innocent animals?!!
He doesn't even leave a shadow!!
Exactly...
My strength is unparalleled.....
That came from behind me...!!

I could have made the great Sigma bow at my feet....
Ack.....
And only the strong survive in this world!!!
But thanks to you all my plans were for nothing!!
Gaahhhh!!!
And, without your precious X-buster....Wha--?!
Alright!
It's now..... or never...!

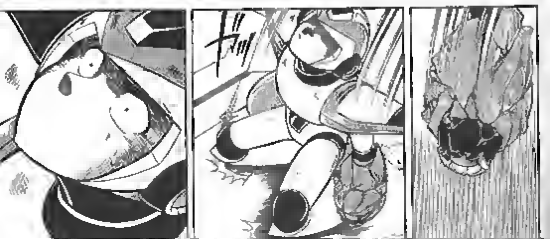
ELECTRIC SPARK!!!
Now !!
Kya aaa hhh !!

Augh!!
Huh?!
TAKE THIS !!
Did you really think I'd roll over and die...?
Aa--!
Ho-hooo ....so you thought you'd zap me up close with your electric spark, huh??

Your precious buster cannon got over-loaded, and now it's an inch away from the junkyard!!
I'd say you've got *at most* 10 shots left before it crumbles into dust!!
Gyah-ha-ha-ha-ha!!!
Give it up!!
Because you see, I'll never run out of ammo....
Unh....
My "Iron Tongue" is infinitely stronger than your buster will ever be!
Gaahhh!!
Shut up!!

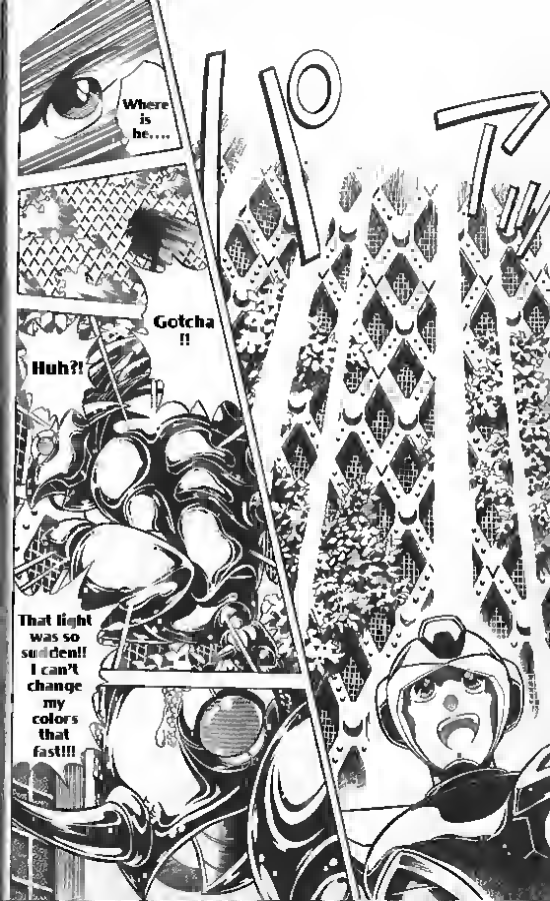
This shall be the dawn of a glorious new age!!
Those who are weak shall always fall to—no, shall always *serve* those who are strong!!
Death has finally arrived for you at last, XII
Ungh !!
Nnh ....
Huf ...
Huf ...
Huf ...
Huf ...
Huf ...

Uaaaaa
aaaaa...
Gah !!
Ngh ...!
aaaagh!!

What's the matter, X? Is your mind playing tricks on you? Quite a pity, because you just wasted a few of your remaining shots!!
I bet you've only got one or two left now!!


It must be horrifying!!
You can't see your enemy! Your buster cannon is useless!
You fool..... your once quiet mind now echoes with screams of terror!
On the other hand, since black is my favorite color, I'm in paradise!!
What?
Sorry, but...
And now, all that remains is to conduct the final movement ....

...that "final movement" is your own funeral march.
...that's all I need!!
What did you say?!
What do you think you're gonna do with that junked buster cannon?!
You said I only have 2 shots left, right??
Well ...


Where is he....
Gotcha !!
Huh?!
That light was so sudden!! I can't change my colors that fast!!!

The party's over, Chameleon .....
Phew..... it's getting dark again!!
Now I can hide in the shadows !!
The light from my buster cannon was so intense that it shocked your sensors!!
Wh-what the...?! Why can't I change my colors?!
D—
don't !!!

Time for the star to take his curtain call!!
YOU FOOL !!
You --
You --

"Live and die by the sword", they say....
But is this really what you wanted?
The chip for your "Chameleon Sting" ....
I'll use it well.
If you hadn't been so power-hungry.... you could have been a great Hunter....

Eve-
ning,
huh...
I can't
wait
any-
more,
X....
!
...

X?!
So....what happened to you in there??
Well....
Ze-ro--sen-pai!!
He defeated the enemy, *and* he got all the animals out unharmed ...?!

It turns out there are more of these power-up parts than we thought!
Weird, huh....
If... Then... there's no telling how strong he could become!!
Ack! Senpai !!
?
Ha-ha-ha-ha! Whoops!
Heh.
Crap—the turbo-buster cannon!!
!?
Th—they're from ...

Sigma's army!!
I'll clear the way— you make a run for it!
!
...
...
he's gonna burn the whole damn forest down!!
Shit...

S-
senpai
?!
We're only gonna get one shot at this!!
Metool!!
Hmph ....
NO!!

!?
Aaaaghh!!
!!
My buster ...it's fixed?!!
!?
...
What was that for??
Hold your tongue !!
Master Armadillo... why?!

Coosider this a tokeo of gratitude ...you saved me the trouble of killing Chameleon myself.
I am koowo as "The Steel-Clad Warrior"--Armored Armadillo.
He has the eyes of a man who has stared down Death himself!
You got it!
Are you the famed "X"?
X! I challeoge you to a duel-one-on--one!!
Master Armadillo! We can capture him alive and take him to Lord Sigma!!

He said that our first priority was to take X alive!!
But... those weren't Lord Sigma's orders!
My first priority is to fight him!!
I accept !
.....
We shall meet at noon, two days from now, at the Agonium mine in Provence. Do you accept?!
...and I will take full responsibility for the consequences.

!!
"One on one", huh?
This is a fortress!!
He said this was a mine?

Aha! So he did send his troops after all!!!
Hyaaaahh!!
What does "one on one" mean to him?!
!?
ゴゴゴゴ
What's that sound?!
Here it comes!

Huh?
Waaaaauughh!!
Shit !!
Gaah hh!!

Yaa
aaa
aah
hh!!

Agh!!
Uaaaa aghh!!
!!
Ugh ...
Nnh ...
Hurk .....
A cliff ???
And the triangular kick saves my butt yet again ....

HUH ?!
Aiee eeel!
A hologram?!?!
A ...
X-dono* ....
So you have arrived ....
What the hell's going on here....
*dono: utmost respect as in master or leader

Shall we begin, X-dono??
This is be-tween you and I.
Ah, but if I hadn't, you would have killed all my men, would you not??
Did you send that truck for me?
I won't sacrifice my men for the sake of our duel.

When I meet a worthy opponent such as yourself I simply must fight him....
The blood of a warrior races in my veins!!
I've waited for this....
No matter what the cost!!
H— his eye... !!

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SUCCESSOR

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How dare you!!
Not only do you directly disobey my orders, but you ask to do something so irresponsible...
Ungh...!
I must ask again... for your permission to fight X... one-on-one....

SFX: THUD
.....
Please forgive my insolence ....
Lord Sigma .....
!!
As long as you make sure to kill him.
.....

I've already said too much.
You got that scar.... just so you could fight me?!
These are the only words we need!!
Talk is meaningless....

...then when this is over ....
Well, if that's true ...
... you'll have a match-ing scar on the other side!!
!!?
Nice move ....

X!!
You
...
You
idiot!!

Aaagh!!
Ungh!!
What's he up to ....?
Not only does my armor protect me....
...but it reflects your own shots back at you!!

A B-rank hunter like you defeated 2 Special A-class Hunters.....
...or was it a fluke ??
What's the matter, X? Are you scared??
In battle, victory will always go to those who can overcome their fears!!
After all...

You think I'm afraid ?!
!!
I'm only figuring out the best way to crush you!!
Not with just these two shields, anyway ....
Hmm... I can't avoid all those shots...
But if I do this ....

...it's a piece of cake!!
I'm invincible!!
With my "Rolling Shield" ...
Huh?!

... but you can't hide!!
You can run ....
Aa au gh hl!
My armor also has a heat sensor ...
Oh, and another thing ....
Ngh ...
...so I can see you wher- ever you are!!

Unnnnngh!!
Gyyyaaaahhhh!!!
Unsh!!
You think that's enough to stop my Rolling Shield from spinning?!

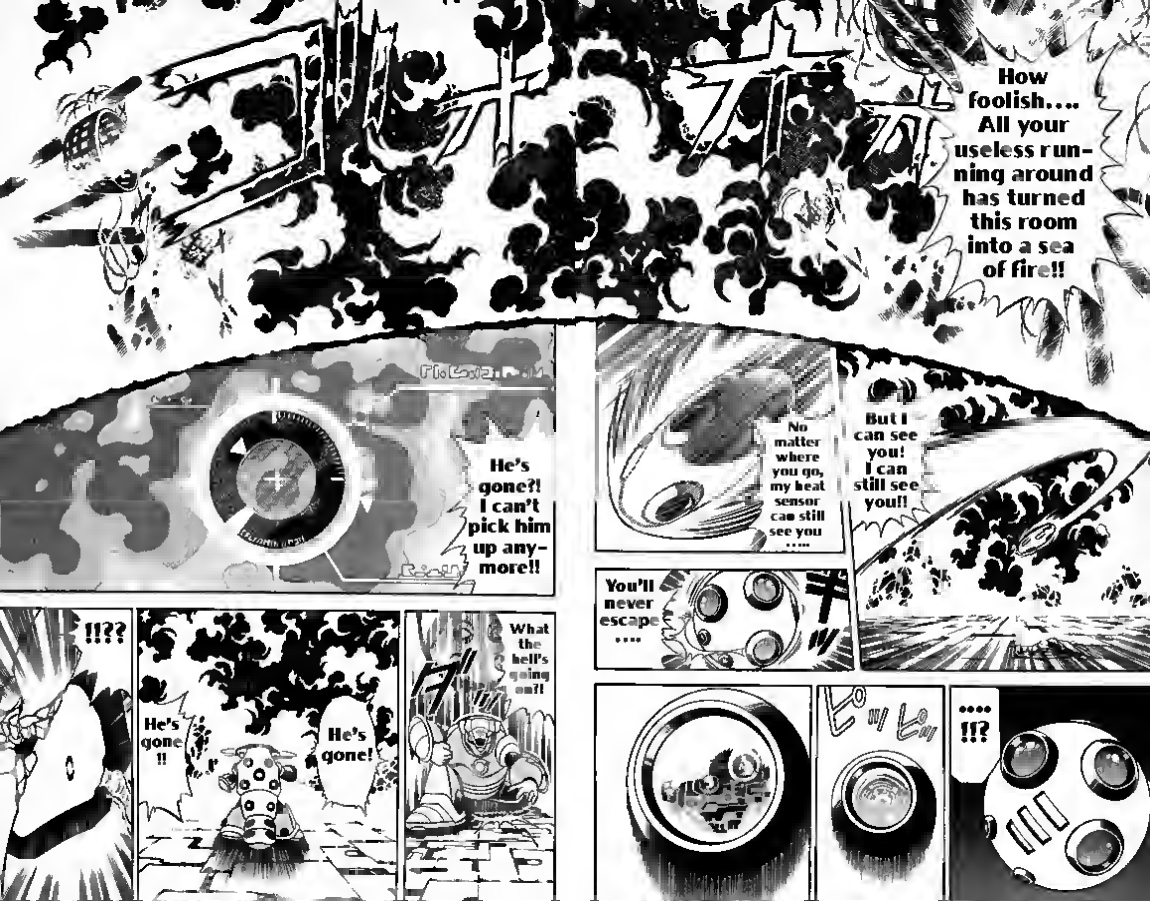
Aaaaaaaagh!!
My buster won't work.... I can't stop him from spinning...
What am I supposed to do?!
Think, X! Think!!
At this rate, I'll be buried alive!!
Finally decided to give up??
What's wrong??

Given up the ghost, X?!
.....
That's it!!
This is Agonium .....
You can't escape !!
Ungh!
Gah!
Agh!

Ungh!!

Aaaughhh!!

Gah!!


How foolish.... All your useless running around has turned this room into a sea of fire!!
He's gone?! I can't pick him up anymore!!
No matter where you go, my heat sensor can still see you ....
But I can see you! I can still see you!!
You'll never escape ....
!!??
He's gone !!
He's gone!
What the hell's going on?!
ピッピッ
.... !!?

ELEC-
TRIC
SPARK
!!
AAAU
UGHH
!!
I....
I
screwed
up!!

Unh ... I see ...
The Agonium is combustible...
And the super-high heat creates an inferno...
You cast yourself into the fire...
...and you knew it would screw up my sensors....
You knew that ....

...so my sensors couldn't pick up any temperature difference!!

I guess-ed.
You guess-ed ??
I figured an electric shock would be the best thing to fry your high-precision sensors...
Answer me one thing.... why did you use the Electric Spark??
...and it did more damage than even I expected.
So..... a wild guess, huh.... ?
Heh heh heh ....
?

It looks like you really are a Special A-Class Hunter!
Willingness to risk your own life... extraordinary luck... you have everything....
Why would a strong warrior like you lower yourself to the level of one of Sigma's pawns!?
Because Sigma is my supreme commander.
That's not true!! He's nothing more than a Maverick now!!
Sigma's acts may be cruel and unjust...
But he also granted my request, even after I had disobeyed his orders!

He still wants to fight?!
Sigma is a soldier who is unashamed of his Special A-Class rank.
Even so, you're certainly not the type to compromise your beliefs!!
My famed sword, "Purple Garden"... The one true blade that cuts reploids to pieces...
Armadillo! We can fight Sigma together!!
Armored Armadillo!!
"Together", ... huh...?

A... Armored Armadillo!!!
Do not mourn me, X....
Out of respect to you, I am destroying the switch within my own body ....

This is... for the best.....
Armadillo!! Don't do this!!
This... is the only.... thing I can do....
If I were to betray Sigma, this switch would go off and cause me to lose my mind...
I would be more trouble to you alive than dead...
?
That I was able....to fight till the last... is satisfaction enough for me...

Tears...
with me...
You risked your life... so you could fight with me...
He may bring the dawn of a new age re-ploids...
A re-ploid who can cry tears...?
My special weapon chip.... please, take it....
!!!
X ....
Armored Arma-dillo.....

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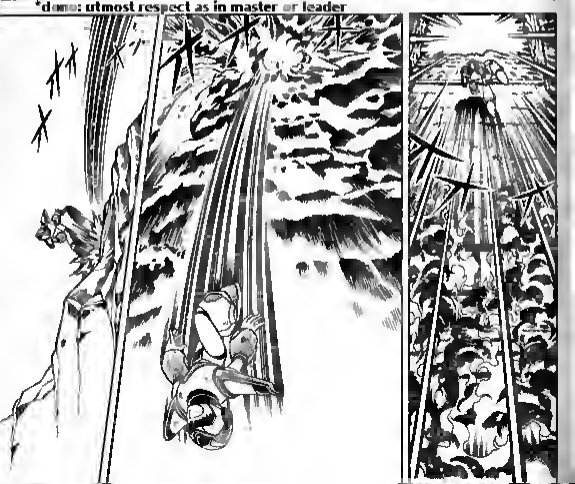

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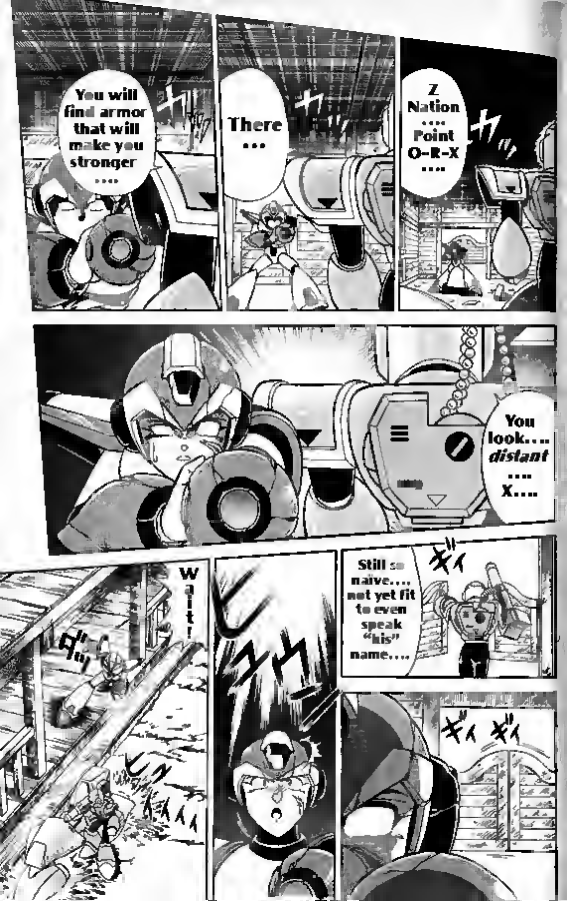
Unh ....
nnh ...
The soldiers Armadillo died to protect !!!
No.... this can't.... these are...!
Dammit .... DAMMIT!!

WHO
DID
THIS
?!?!

WHERE IS HE?!!
Where ....
He must still be around here!!
!!
Show yourself!!

In here ...?
huf
huf
huf
Let us say ...
!
We know nothing of "justice" or "ambition" ....
Because we are re-ploids—we were born only to fight....
We couldn't tell the difference either way.
...that this glass is filled with either bourbon or mud ...

Isn't that right X? ....
Why ... Why did you kill him?!
Vile .....
Any being who does not understand the meaning behind his existence has no reason to live.


You will find armor that will make you stronger ....
There ...
Z Nation .... Point O-R-X ....
You look.... distant .... X....
Wait!
Still so naive.... not yet fit to even speak "his" name....

HYA AAH HH!!
You know, I have destroyed many things in my time...
and yet there is one thing I've yet to obliterate ...
...the legend.
The legend of that name, "Rock-man"!!

And as the legend grows, so too do you, the heir to the name "Rock-man"!!
And when you finally grow strong enough that you are worthy of the name, "Rock-man", then, I will.....
You must grow strong, X...
!

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Geez, this place is a ghost town...

In his quest to reach the point that Vile had named as the location of the next power-up part, X is forced to travel through an abandoned factory...

far from being a place of creation and new beginnings,
But this factory...
SFX: KA-CHUNG
is heavy with the lingering stench of death...
KA-CHUNG
KA-CHUNG
SFX: SSSSS

SFX: KA-CHUNG, KA-CHUNG
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ガン
They call this place "the graveyard" ...no one dares to come near it...
And no wonder— it's the pits!
All that's here is a bunch of decrepit machines ...

SFX: BOOOM!
Augh!!
What the hell's going on here?!
SFX: BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
You mean these piles of scrap are still alive?!

Hm?
Damn— I come all this way, beat all those enemies, and I hit a dead end?!
Huf
Huf
Well, no going back now!
...or not! Ha—this "wall" is actually a huge door!
And what's that smell ...?!
Geez, it's hot in there ...!
But... why do I hear someone scream-ing...?

Wha—?! What the hell *is* this?!

It's a graveyard for all the reploids who turned against Sigma!!
No ... !!
So the truth is finally revealed!!
What the--?!
Th— the wall moves ?!

My name is Flame Mammoth...
AGH!!
...and I kill reploids !!
RRR RGH!!!
I guess he's not interested in a civilized discussion !!

...the bigger TARGET they are!!
But the bigger they are...
You're quite strong ...
Got 'im!
ERR RGH !!
Geez, give it up already...
...but unfortunately, you've spoken too soon...
Looks like the victory is mine, Mammoth...

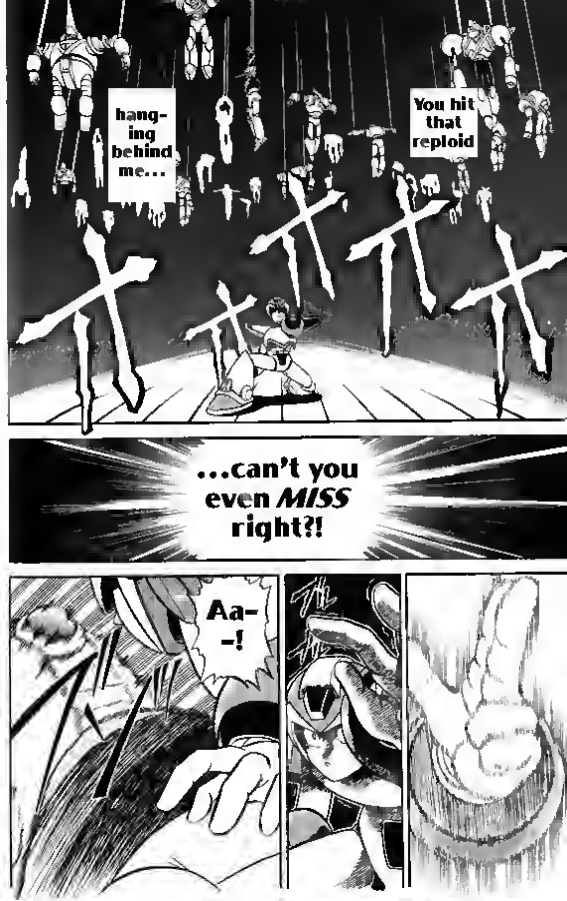
Hundreds and hundreds of corpses, each waiting to become my new flesh and blood!!
Look!
You monster!
You ...
You... you...
AAA AGH!!

You little squirt ...
DASH !!
Sh-it!
I'll just have to dodge 'em!!
Hold still !!
Aaa ugh !!
!?

Ngh... He's frickin' huge...
HU NG H!!
Waugh! What was that?!
Coal tar?!
AAA AAA GH!!

That bastard... he's coming over here to finish me off!
I can't move after that!
Augh!!
...but if I do he'll just rebuild with more parts from these re-ploids!!
And he'll do it if I don't counter-attack, fast!!
Damn!

I'll have to shake him up a little bit!!
You fool ...


hang-
ing
behind
me...
You hit
that
reploid
...can't you
even *MISS*
right?!
Aa-
-!

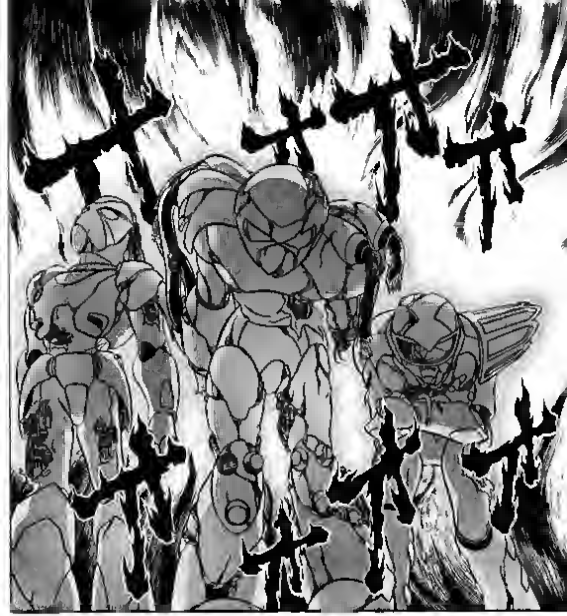
UAGH!!
What's wrong? Got nothing left??
"whe eze"
"cou gh"
Aagh ...
Well, I can take your mind off *that* ...
Or are you still thinking about those corpses up there??

BURN!!!
Every last reploid will burn!!!!
Ack !!
Haven't you done enough !!!
Now then... who's next??
!?
オ オ オ

HEH HEH HEH
Why ...
why would you... kill your own men...
"Why ?"
"My own men!?"
SH-UT UP !!

Burn nnn! BURN NNN!! Everyone will burn to ashes!!!

Look how happy they are, X... pitiful losers that they are...
They're welcoming in a new comrade!!
Here they come...
Look...
of hell...
From the flames...
For you, X...
They're coming...



!?
Heh heh heh... scared yet?

NOT A CHANCE !!
"Hap-py"? "Wel-coming" you say??
Huf
Huf
Huf
Huf
Huf
Are those big-ass ears of yours just for decora-tion, or what?!

They're beg-ging!!!
You know what will happen if you shoot me...
!!
From beyond the grave you can hear them screaming, begging for the overthrow of Sigma!!

That's why I'm gonna blow you to smither-eens— so you can't *ever* come back!!
You still don't get it...
I can take anything you dish out!!

Only that left part of his chest held up against my shots?!
!?
What the hell?!
Are you done?
Why ?!
Why couldn't I destroy that part of him?!

Your plan backfired, X!!
Now I'll show you just what *fools* you Reploids really are!!

This is...
The rest of his body is vulnerable, but he has that one indestructible area...
Now I know your secret, Mammoth...
!?
my only chance !!

Wh—what the hell?! His buster cannon is part of my new body!!
There's only one thing you would guard so heavily— the nucleus of your body!!
That upper left part of your chest—it's indestructible... that's how I knew.
EEK!
And it's right here— where your armor is the thickest!!

And when the outside doesn't work, you have to attack from the INSIDE!!
AAAAAAAUGHHH!!

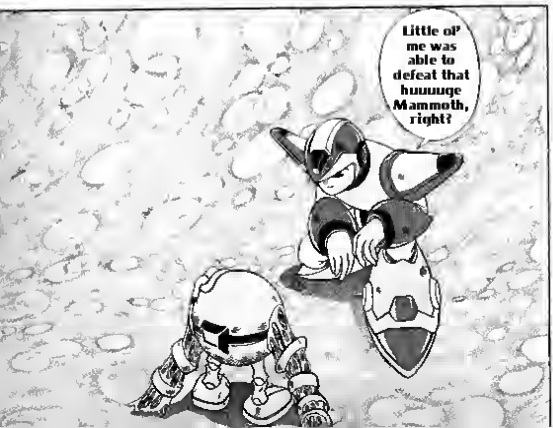
My body is falling apart!!
Got me?!
ガコォン
YOU FO-OL !!
!?
His ...
ゴゴゴ

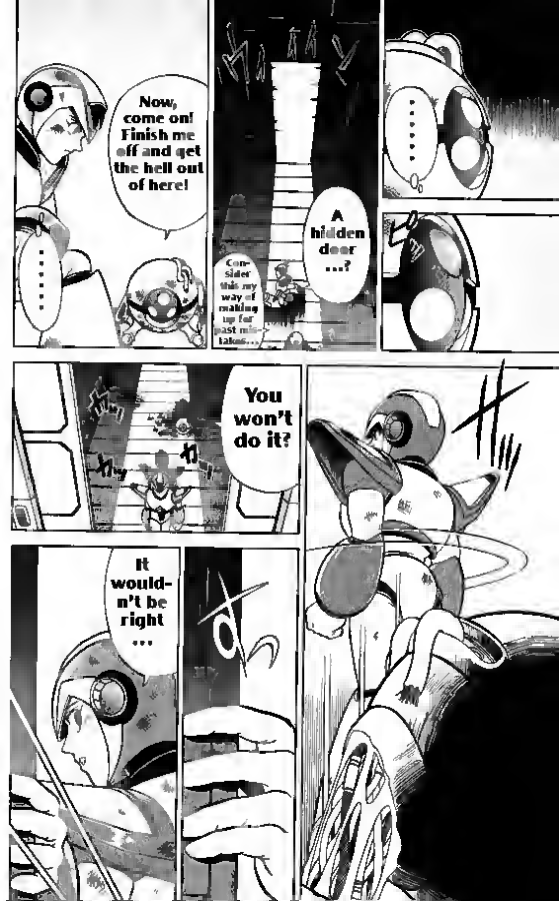
Huh?
What did you say?!
His true form was this tiny little CPU ball??
!!

Everyone starts from some-thing small!!
"Tiny"?? Did you just call me "tiny" ?!

It's true... you filthy *reploids*... with my pint-sized body and low rank...you treated me like *scum*!
But did you think I'd put up with that forever?!
I knew Sigma's rebellion would be the perfect opportunity to get my revenge on every last one of you!!
And I could have done it!! I--!
.....
A friend once told me...

It's about life!
"Strength has nothing to do with rank or size...it's pride that counts the most!"
I've finally learned, that lesson applies to more than just hunting Mavericks!
And hey...
.....


Little ol' me was able to defeat that huuuuge Mammoth, right?


Now, come on! Finish me off and get the hell out of here!
A hidden door ...?
Consider this my way of making up for past mistakes...
You won't do it?
It wouldn't be right ...

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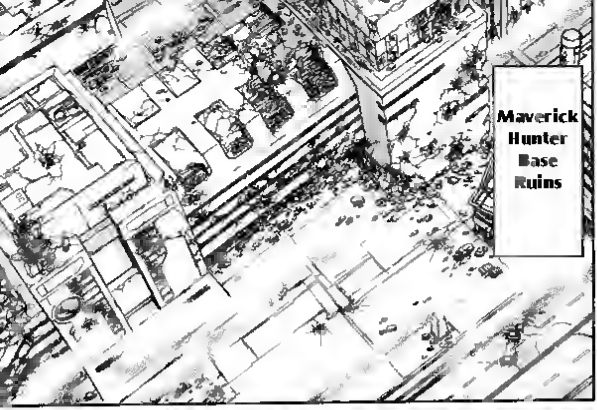
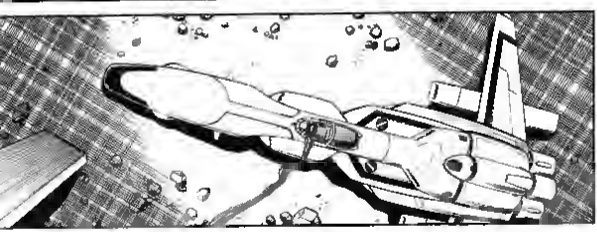
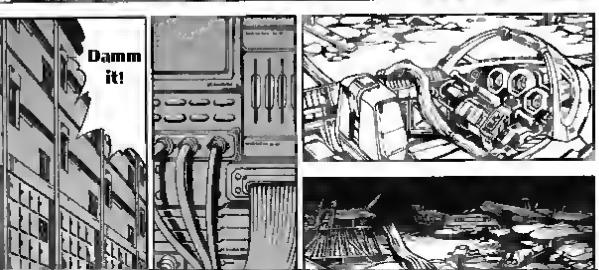

Maverick
Hunter
Base
Ruins




Damm
it!

Somehow, I've got to find out where that ultimate power-up of his is hidden...
All the data on X is classified ?!
!?

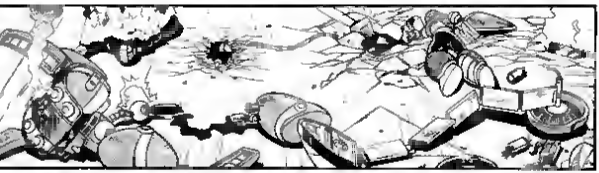
My—my buster is *glowing* all of a sudden?! What the hell's going on?!
SFX: WREEEEEEE

SFX: WRRRRR
!?
SFX: ZAP!
Did the computer just turn on by itself...?!
Point Z-O-R-X... Point Z-O-R-X...
!?

Point Z-O-R-X... I don't care if that's the gates of hell...
SFX: WHOOM!

THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING!!

Point
Z-O-R-X
Tiderow
Airport



WHAM!
Who's there ...?

Wh--?!

What the ...?

Geez... I wasn't that far off...

X——
!!!
Hmph...and they say you don't give a damn about your comrades...
That voice... it can't be!!
Hang in there!!
.....
Is it really you...?!
Is it you ...?

Eagle ...
EAGLE!!

SFX: SSSS
SFX: KA-BOOM!
ドゴォ
……
What did you expect, a handshake and a happy reunion?!
SFX: TING!
Men shouldn't waste their time with idle chatter.
After all this time... you still hold it against me?

I won't let you kill him... he's the hope of this world.
Now if you'll stand aside, I have some "unfinished business" with your friend there!
SFX: WHOOOSH
SFX: POW!

SFX: CLANG
Hmph ...
.....

When it comes to hunting Mavericks, he who hesitates is lost...
Wait... please ...
Eagle ...

Eagle
???
I'm with Sigma now. That's all there is to it.
SFX: KA-POW

Screw all this training—I want to get into a *real* battle!
Maverick Hunter-in-Training Zero
Terminating virtual reality sequence.
All targets eliminated.
What the hell am I, a rock star...?
Man, Zero's *awesome!*
He's already cleared D-rank!
Huh? Oh, you mean Storm Eagle?
Who's he?
If you've got time to stand around and flap your gums you've got time to practice!

They say he got a perfect score on the D-rank virtual training, just like you!
We're not worthy!
Storm Eagle—he's a B-rank Hunter! He's at the top of his rank, but he's always been kind of a lone wolf!
I wonder if he's that A-rank, Zero...
Hm?... That long hair...
SFX: CHING! CHING!
Bird shit!
Girly man!

SFX: VREEEE
BRING IT ON!!
SFX: VREEEE
You wanna piece o' me?!
Shut the hell up!
KA-CHUNK
Crap!
Excuse me, Mr. Hank Robber! You can't run forever!
SFX: RAT-TAT-TAT
I need this money to survive!
What ?!

BOOM!
BOOM!
WHOOOSH
Like hell you do!!
SFX: POW!
EEP!
You're gonna return that money ...
'Cause I hear the police need new uniforms!!

Yeah, well this makes 17 times I've bailed your ass out.
This isn't about our egos!
He wasn't worth our time.
I bailed YOUR ass out 14 times!
Yeah, well 3 times makes a big difference.
Next time I'll just let you die!
Er...
Now, stop it, you two!
?
And who might she be?! No way...?!
My name's Teal—I'm a Hunter too!
You must be Zero... Eagle's told me so much about you!
The girl's... *my* girl. Geez...

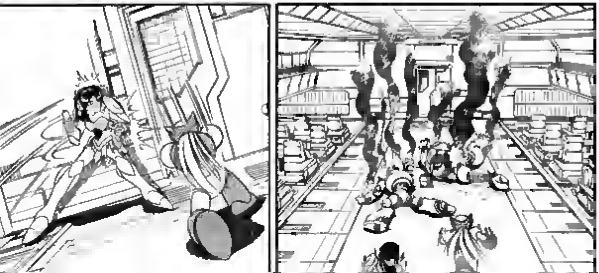
Everything okay??
Um...
I wouldn't dream of it...
This doesn't mean our fight's over, you know...
All Hunter units proceed to the scene immediately!!
Flight 017 over the North Pole has been hijacked! Our intelligence indicates a female Hunter has been taken hostage...
You bein' a good little girl...?
OK.
I'm gonna go check on the bitch.

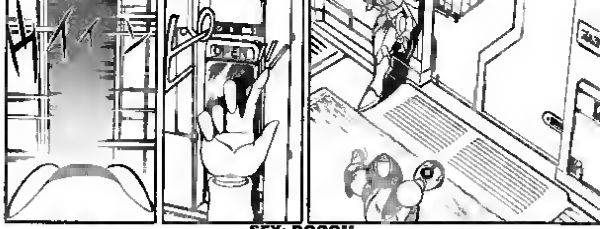
Heh... ain't like you got a choice.
...since that special code makes it so you can't move none.
What!?
Too bad.
You don't stand a chance!
Our two top Hunters are on their way...
The strongest Special A-rank Hunter combination in the world!

You wait outside. Sheesh.
If they so much as lay a hand on her...!!
WHAT!? But that's Teal in there!!
...if they do I feel sorry for 'em.
SFX: VOOOOOM
That's exactly it—you're not thinking clearly right now.
And that leads to fatal mistakes!
Trust me!
.....
Right?
I'm counting on you.

Guess ...
he didn't see *that* coming.
SFX: DOOOM!!
...nobody?!
Sweetheart, there ain't nobody coming, no strongest...
Shut up, you!
Sheesh, some A-class Hunter!
Zero ...
We're heading into a thunderstorm— I won't be able to stay up in this...
Hm?

SFX: FWOOOM




SFX: DOOOM

SFX: clicka clicka

SFX: KSSH

!?

Shit!
SFX: BOOOOOM!
Zero!!
Right!
Forget about me and take care of the Mav-ericks!
What a brave girl you are...

Shove it!!
I've always had a thing for girls who stick up for themselves...
But there's still something charming about a girl when she's screaming and crying for help...
Ahhhh... you gonna shoot me?!!
'Cause if you do I'll explode!!

AH-
HA--
HA--
HA--
HA!!!

HA! Now you're talking!!
You Mavericks don't have to be the Hunters' enemies.
What a loser you are.

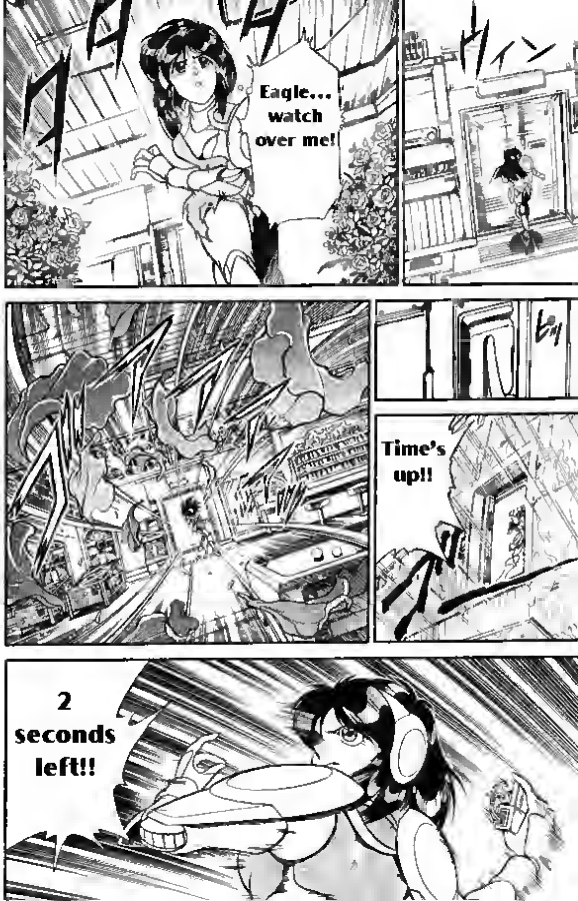
You— you wouldn't !!
I would.
Step aside.
Zero ...

SFX: SSSHHHHHH
Huh?
Nothing like a shower to cure what ails ya!
Uaaaaaa!!

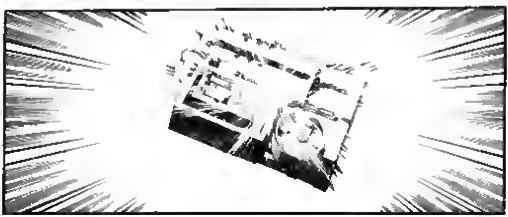
Ehh?
Heh heh
Whaaaaaa...?
SFX: YAAAAAY!
THE END
You're all washed up.
Like hell you are!!
I'm not gonna kill you. I'm just gonna arrest you and take you to be repaired.

You piece of shit! Playing around with these people's lives!!
In 10 seconds this thing's gonna EXPLODE !!!
Unghh!
This ends NOW!!
Everything's alright! Everyone please calm down!

SFX: DUNNN
ZERO!!
Leave the rest to me!!
TEAL!!!
You son of a bitch...
T---...


Eagle... watch over me!
ウィン
Time's up!!
2 seconds left!!

SFX: rumble, rumble
Aah!!
Ungh!



TEAL!!
I didn't even get to apolo-gize...
Right after that Eagle transferred to a different unit...
Just a dream...
This will be my chance to defeat Eagle, but also to get my next set of power-up parts!
Zero-senpai! I'm heading back to the airport!
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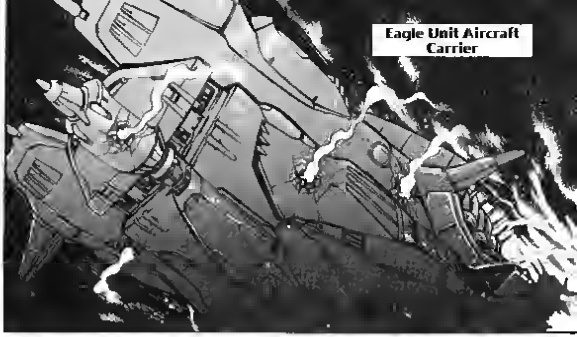
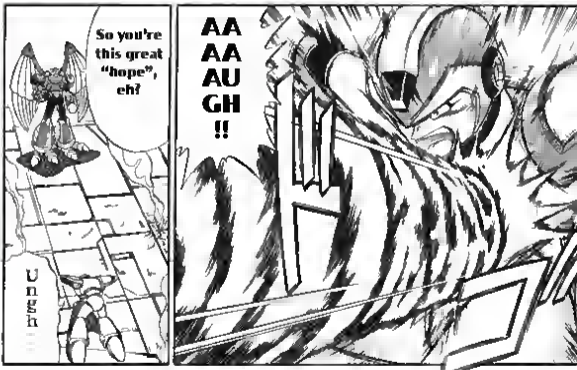

Eagle Unit Aircraft Carrier


So you're this great "hope", eh?
Ungh
AA AA AU GH !!

You think you're a match for me... don't make me laugh!

But I've fought long and hard to get here!!
I may be a rookie ...
They call you "the courage and wisdom of the people," huh?
You're more like the "walking stick of the frail"!!

My shots...
they're being neutralized?!
How the—?!
.....!!
That's how your comrades that I fought achieved such a hollow A-class rank.
Any natural advantage from "bravery" and "intelligence" doesn't amount to much in the end, anyway.

My back is my weak point...
I'll show you a *real* natural advantage...
I'll give you 5 seconds; shoot me.
5
Shoot me!
4
DO IT!!
This is your only chance...

3
I...I can't do it...
Why can't I shoot him?!!

All my battles up till now...
Remember! Remember what you learned from them!!
2
"Bravery" and "intelligence"... was that just my own ego!?
1
Was he right?
He's gone!
Eagle's gone?!
0
!!

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He who loses sight of his opponent...
Huh?
サッ
Right in the middle of our fight--!
Where are you!?
Is truly a fool!!

Just let me make it in time!!

Ugh
ngh
Resistance is futile, X.
Don't you see? "Intelligence" and "bravery" are just the pitiful delusions of a fool!

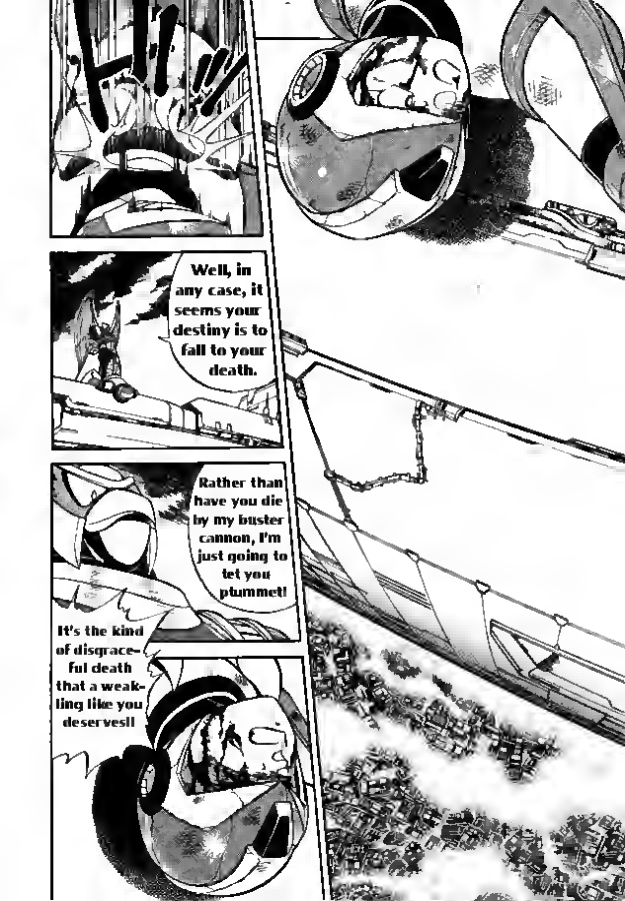
Your fellow soldiers...they didn't possess anything close to the absolute power of the "Iron Axe"...
And that stick will be shattered with one swing of the "Iron Axe".
And those delusions are nothing but a fragile glass walking stick clung to desperately by the weak!!
.....
The power to make the weak surrender— *my power!!*
Is this... it for me...?
G a a a h !

I can't reach him with a regular jump...
I just have to get a clear shot at his back...
...NO! I know his weak point...
But a dash jump will be perfect!!
Hmph ...
That's a lie!!
"Intelli-gence" and "bravery" aren't just the walking stick of the weak!!

!!
How I do love the sight of a reploid plunging to his death!
Ah!
Ah!
Ah!
Ah!
This deck is huge, but my dash jump is just too powerful!
STOP RIGHT THERE !!

falling...
I'm...
off
the
ship!!

Alright—playtime's over!
How "intelligent" of you! You'd be quite the genius if you were a monkey!
Is this it for me??!!
Was he right? Do I really lack a natural advantage?!
AAAAAUGH!!


Well, in any case, it seems your destiny is to fall to your death.
Rather than have you die by my buster cannon, I'm just going to let you plummet!
It's the kind of disgraceful death that a weakling like you deserves!!

Throwing your own life away in pursuit of your enemies... why the hell would anyone call you the hope of this world?!
You think only of yourself— you're a sham of a hero!!
You're wrong!!
Huh?
You are wrong!
!!
He's panicking... he knows his time has come!!

.....
....!!
.....
.....
Is that...
it...?
What's
that
light
...?

Yes... this light...
...it will give me strength!
His eyes...
There's still life in them!

GAME OVER!!

Dash
jump!!

Uqh... you *fool*...
You think I care if we fall 5000 meters and get smashed to bits?!
He'll come... I know it!!

There he is!!
The clouds parted, and you saw the sun streaming through!
Dammit ...so that's it!!

You might say it was a strong wind blowing through...

And "bravery" is what lets us seize victory, even if we have only the smallest chance of achieving it...

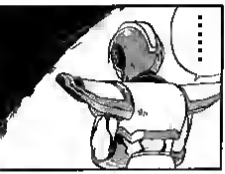
"intelligence" is what allows us to survive...

And what truly determines a natural advantage... is an ideal partner!!!

And even though you're an old friend of my senpai, I will still defeat you!!
Senpai?!
This is...
A medal of honor from Eagle.
!!

Zero! What the hell are you doing...
That's enough, Eagle...
This...is a medal?!
What the hell's going on here?!
You okay, Eagle?
Sen-pai!!
This was a test.
Hang in there ...

Although I'm still not sure the ends justify the means...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.....
...right?

How...I—
...what have I done?!!!

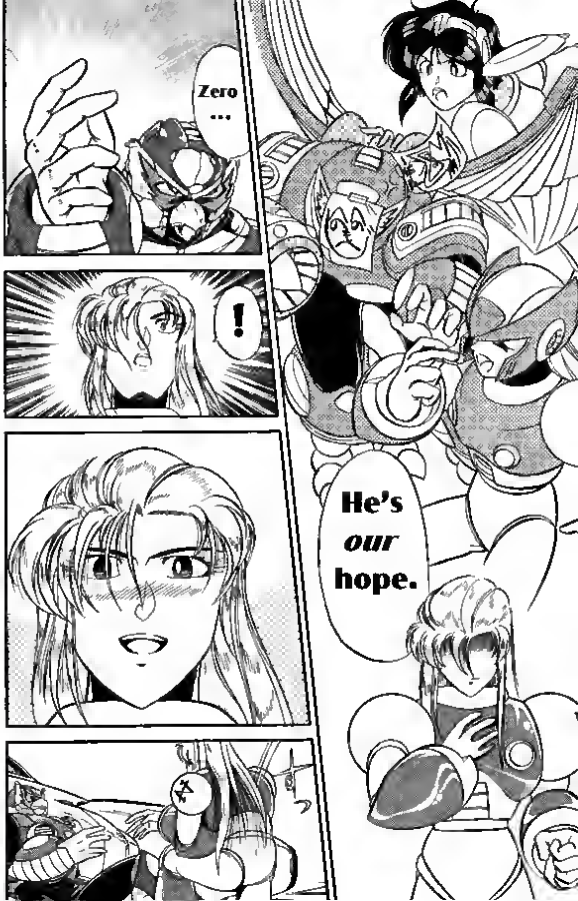
If he had turned on Sigma, he would have been killed on the spot. So he had to convince everyone he had truly changed... and he played his part exceptionally well.

Zero ...
Men should not waste their time with idle chatter.

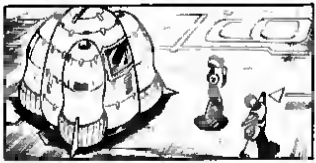
You're right.
Right ?

.....
!!
フォン
What a sight for sore eyes.....

*opposite of "senpai," junior, underling


Zero ...
!
He's *our* hope.

!!
Eagle-san!!!
E...Eag—



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I—
...
I...
He was your friend and I—!!
It's al-right.
This is what he wanted.
Isn't it...

Let's go.
I envy you...
X...
that you can cry at a time like this...

This isn't over yet!!